

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 4, 7-9 are *currently amended*, claim 1 is *canceled*, and *no* claims are *newly added*. Accordingly, claims 2-20 are left *pending*.

In the previous Office Action, claims 1, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,711,528 to Dishman *et al.* In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 2-7 and 10-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, namely claim 1, but indicated such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. By this Amendment, (i) claim 1 has been canceled, (ii) claim 2 has been placed in independent form, and amended to incorporate all limitations of claim 1, and (iii) claims 3, 4, and 7-9 have been amended to depend from newly independent claim 2.

Therefore, all of the pending claims currently comprise subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, since all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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